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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

RONALD A. UNDERWOOD et al.

Application No.: 09/512,742

Filed: February 24, 2000

For: METHODS FOR  
ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE  
CONTRACTION WITHIN THE SPINE

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, for which a response was due January 8, 2003. Applicant submits a request for 2 month extension thereby extending the time for response to March 8, 2003 which falls on a Saturday, the next business day being March 10, 2003. Thus, this response is timely filed.

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